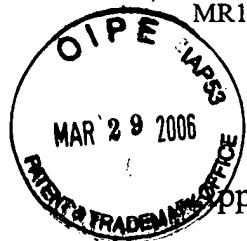


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant, by the undersigned attorney, hereby responds to the outstanding Office Action dated 8 March 2006 in which the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement as follows:

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